

Appleby Archaeology

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Thursday February 22nd 2017 at The White House, Brampton.

Present

Martin Joyce	Chairman
Chris Wilson	Treasurer/Membership Secretary
Martin Railton	Research
Barbara Blenkinson	
Phyl Rouston	
Trish Shaw	
Richard Stevens	Secretary

New Committee members

Martin J welcomed the new members of the committee and thanked them for stepping forward to help in the running of the group.

Apologies

Adrian Waite, Mick Yates

Notes of the last meeting

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

1/02/18 Matters arising.

1/10/17	Paypal and Membership renewals. The trial had been a success and the system was now in place for live renewals. A total of 8 members had renewed using the system, as well as two new members who had joined directly from the website.
7/10/17	AGM and Member's evening. The general feeling was that the AGM had been a very successful and enjoyable evening. Martin J said that he had written to thank Jaquie Dewes for the celebration cake.
7/11/17	Equipment: Projector replacement. Projectors are available for the two final lectures of the current season, Louise Martin (H2H) will bring her own and Harry will bring his personal projector to the April meeting. Nothing further has been heard of the Town Council's plan to equip the supper room, although they have now equipped the main hall. Application has been made to the CCC Neighbourhood Forum and the group will await a response. It was agreed to review the possibility of applying for funding elsewhere at the next meeting if there appears to be a significant delay in response.
4/11/17	Westmorland Dales Project. Following the initial meeting on 28 November, Martin J had sent the organisation an email explaining Carol's book project, asking if they would be interested in supporting it. No reply had been received.
8/11/17	Cooperation with the Appleby in Westmorland Society. A discussion took place regarding various possibilities, for example, a reduced cost for members of each organisation to attend the other's lectures. The practicalities were difficult but it was agreed that as a first step, both organisations would keep a register of their own members at events. This would enable better observation of fire regulations, as well

as keeping tabs on who were paid up members and visitors. Such a register would require a permanent door guardian at meetings. The matter would be kept under review.

2/02/18 Membership

Chris Wilson, who has taken on the role of Membership secretary as well as that of Treasurer reported that there were currently 60 subscriptions (representing 72 members) that were carried forward from 2017 or have been created since, 42 subscriptions have been paid (representing 49 members. Martin J explained the 15 month membership system to the new committee members.

3/02/18 Treasurer's Report

Chris presented the accounts to date, showing receipts of £546 since November 2017. The current balance at the bank was unknown since the current statement had been sent to Martin J for the funding application and had been inadvertently sent with the application.

A new mandate for bank account signatories had been sent to Barclays. Chris had been added to the list, while Martin J and Phyl were included as before.

4/02/18 Research

Martin R reported that he had met with Adrian Bamford of the HAZ project. As agreed with Martin J, Dig Appleby was to be included within the HAZ umbrella. Adrian had also met with the HLF who had said that they were happy to support the Dig Appleby Project in Phase 2. Furthermore, additional funding from other sources might be possible. However, since Dig Appleby is an ongoing Project, now looking forward to Phase 2, whilst the HAZ project is in 'Phase 1' any application to HLF will have to come directly from Appleby Archaeology. Martin R suggests that Dig Appleby should progress to a possible 3 year project, separate from the HAZ.

Martin went on to ask Richard if he wished to continue with the HLF funding applications for the next phase, if not, then Adrian Bamford had offered to make the application on our behalf. Richard said that applying for 3 year funding would take us into the next strata of funding, with a probable £100,000 maximum, which was a rather different prospect to the application he had made in 2016. He would therefore be happy to hand this over to Adrian, who probably had a wealth of experience in applying for funding. He also said that he would be happy to liaise with Adrian if necessary.

Martin then said that Adrian intended to hold a meeting in Appleby in order to introduce the project to the residents and others.

Martin R explained the Appleby HAZ project to the new committee members. Finally, it was decided that this and later phases of Dig Appleby would be best managed by a sub committee, holding separate project meetings with a reporting line to the general committee.

5/02/18 Correspondence

Martin J had received notice from CBA that there would be no Festival of Archaeology in 2018, probably due to shortage of funds now the Govt. grant had been cut.

Martin J tabled his thanks to Adrian Waite for his extensive report on the HLF meeting in Carlisle which he attended on behalf of the group. The basic outcome is that the structure of the HLF funding is changing, partly due to a reduced budget and partly because of developing different objectives, including more emphasis on capital projects and well being. Martin R explained that the Group's new application for funding would fit within the new structure. **(Post meeting note: Richard reviewed the online consultation form mentioned in Adrian's report but believes**

(that it is aimed at large stakeholders rather than individuals or community groups, who were probably included for the sake of ‘balance’. Martin J & Richard jointly decided on behalf of the committee not to take part.)

Richard said that he had received an invitation from Altogether Archaeology to send them an events list, which they would publish. It was agreed that it would do no harm to send such a list. **(Post meeting note: Richard then discovered that there is no ‘forthcoming events’ list on the AA website other than for those organised by Altogether Archaeology. Furthermore, there is already a link on their links page to our website, which holds a full listing of our events.)**

6/02/18 Programme

A general discussion took place, resulting in the following provisional programme:

Month	Speaker/Guide	Description	Contact
May:	TBD	Hartsop walk	Martin J
June	TBD	Wreay - Sarah Losh church	Martin J
July	TBD	Stanwick/Piercebridge walk	Richard
October:	Fiona Edmunds	Medieval Northumbria/Appleby	Carol
November:	TBD	Rheged/Northwest Kingdoms	Phyl
December:	David Johnston	Thorns medieval village	Carol
January:	TBD	AGM	All
February	Frank/Kevin	Carlisle Bath house	Trish
March	June Hall	Vernacular Buildings	Richard
April	Kate Renwick	Med. salt tokens from Abbeystown	Trish

7/02/18 Bookmark and Dig Appleby Brochure

There was general agreement that the souvenir bookmark produced by David Boote was an excellent idea, very well realized and thanks was due to David for his effort. The remaining bookmarks were passed to Martin J to be sent out to new members as they joined, until the supply was exhausted. Martin R suggested that the remaining Dig Appleby brochures be kept to give out when phase2 of the project is launched and Phyl said that she would keep them for now. She said that everyone who wanted one had probably picked one up by now.

8/02/18 AOB

Phyl said that she strongly felt that the post talk tea/coffee/washing up duties should be more widely shared among the membership at large. All agree that this should not always be done by the same people and Martin J said that he would mention this and ask for volunteers at the March meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Time and date of next meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 17th May at the Crown and Cushion in Appleby. (Chris)